The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV.I sincerely hope that you support this merger as it would truely benefit subscribers such as myself who live in rural areas and don't have the benefit of recieving such things such as local channels and high speed internet connection. It would be truely apprecaited to have such services available at rates that are affordable even to those in small towns.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, and for the benefit of small towns across the U.S., I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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